(c) The chartered vessels are permitted to fish beyond 24 nautical miles from the shore on the western coast and 12 nautical miles from the shore on the eastern coast, as a general rule. Moreover, chartered vessels are not allowed to fish in certain restricted areas on the eastern & western coasts. Regarding operation of vessels under joint venture also, it is stipulated that these vessels should operate beyond the range of operation of mechanised and non-mechanised boats.

(d) The suggestions are under examination.

Potential of Marine Products

749. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that total potential of marine products exceed four million tonnes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such resources exist even upto the 200 mile limit;

(c) whether such a computation of our marine resources is based on taking into account the ocean area upto the 200 mile limit; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for not issuing orders to foreign charter and joint ventures to fish in the waters beyond 100 miles from the coast?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The estimated fishery potential in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone, up to 200 nautical miles from the base line is more than 4 million tonnes.

(b) Yes Sir. But the qualitative and quantitative nature of the resources vary with depth and distance from the shore.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) The policy of the Government is rational exploitation of the available fish resources at different depths and distance from the shore to the limits of our Exclusive Economic Zone and even beyond by modernisation of the traditional craft, introduction of improved mechanised boats and a judicious mix of resources specific deep sea fishing vessels through various programmes.

Problems of Fishermen due to New Fishery Policy

750. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recognised the problems created by the new fishery policy with respect to chartering and inviting of foreign fishing joint ventures;

(b) what were the results of scrutinising this policy as a result of widespread criticism from all sectors in the country;

(c) whether Government propose to prohibit foreign fishing charter boats from operating within 50 miles from the coast; and

(d) the steps being taken to implement this decision to keep foreign boats under charter at least fifty miles away from the coast?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Since the new fishery policy of the Government has not been implemented so far, the question of any problems being created by this policy does not arise.

(b) There is no widespread criticism of this policy. In fact it has been welcomed by the fishing industry and others concerned.

(c) and (d) A recommendation to this effect was made in a meeting taken on the 8th June, 1987 in the

Ministry of Agriculture to explain the new charter policy. The recommendation is being examined.

दिल्ली में झुग्गियों में रहने वाले लोग

751. डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली में झुग्गी झोंपड़ियों और गंदी बस्तियों में अनुमानतया कितने लोग रह रहे हैं ;

(ख) यह दिल्ली की कुल जनसंख्या का कितना प्रतिशत है ;

(ग) कितने लोग अनधिकृत कालोनियों में रह रहे हैं ;

(घ) क्या 1976 के बाद अनधिकृत कालोनियों की संख्या कई गुणा बढ़ी है ; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो समाज के कमजोर वर्ग की आवास समस्या को सुलझाने और अनधिकृत बस्तियों की संख्या में वृद्धि को रोकने के लिये क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ;

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलबीर सिंह) : (क) से (ङ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Completion of Subarnarekha Project

752. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) when the interstate river Subarnarekha Project is proposed to be completed and what is the progress so far made in this direction;

(b) what is the target for execution in Dam construction and canal construction for the year 1987 and whether the target is likely to be achieved; and

(c) if not, what are the constraints?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) The project is targetted for completion by 1993-94. By March 1987, the progress on Icha and Chandil dams was 12 per cent and 44 per cent respectively and is likely to go up to 25 per cent and 62 per cent as targetted, by the end of March, 1988. Similarly, the progress on the canal system is likely to go up from about 30 per cent to 45 per cent by March, 1988.

753. [*Transferred to the 5th August,* 1987].

Pulse Production

754. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of pulses has been declining in all the important pulse growing States in the country despite a high priority accorded to the production and its inclusion in the 20 Point Programme and that the per capita availability of pulses has been on the decline since 1961 against the norm recommended by the WHO/FAO;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of decline in the pulses growing area and the production in the country from 1960-61 to 1970-71 and in 1984-85 (State-wise) stating the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps had been taken by Government during the Sixth Plan period to remove the deficiencies identified for low productivity at the end of the Fifth Plan and what was the actual achievement; and

(d) the manner in which Government propose to raise the production of pulses in the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The long term growth rate in production of pulses has been showing a declining trend in some of the